

DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

Monday May 1, 2000

7:00 p.m.

Evergreen Recreation Center, 2700 N. Woodland

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at Evergreen Recreation Center, 2700 N. Woodland.

Members Present

Clarence Wiley
Doratheia Sloan
Linda Matney
Sharon Fearey
Bob Schreck
Tony Rangel
John Van Walleghen
Wendell Turner
Gregory Chinn
C. Bickley Foster

Members Absent

Veronica Casados

Guests

Dale Miller, MAPD staff
Donna Bryant, applicant
Keith Koontz, North Riverbend NA
Beverly Koontz, N. Riverbend NA
Larry Hoetmer, Park staff
Ernie Garcia, CMO staff
Sarah Gilbert, Career Development

Council Member Joan Cole called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m

The minutes for April 19, 2000 were amended to include:

1) The girls of the group residence would be able to attend Metro Midtown not Metro-Downtown as stated. 2) The applicant, Donna Bryant will meet with the *Historic Midtown Citizens Association* on Tuesday, May 2nd and has already met with the CORE group, and received positive feedback on the program she is trying to develop.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

PUBLIC AGENDA

No items were submitted.

PLANNING

REQUEST: Zoning change from "LI" Limited Industrial to "B" Multi-Family Residential 609 North St. Francis **REVIEW and make recommendation**

The applicant, Donna J. Bryant, is requesting a zone change to allow a limited group residence for adolescent girls.

Barry Carroll, MAPD staff, described the property surrounding the facility: an alley and a vacant four-plex on the west; parking on the north; businesses to the east; and a vacant Lot on the south. The applicant has visited with *Centercity Organized Revitization Effort(CORE)* and will meet with the Historic Midtown Citizens Association as well.

According to Tony Rangel, DAB Member, the CORE Association was supportive. The property is within 500 feet of a historical property and the applicant will visit with the Historical Preservation Board to review the proposed plans. A preliminary report from staff will be to recommend approval with these conditions: 1) Applicant applies for all permits; 2) Receives permission to re-zone property to "*B*" *Multi-Family*, as this is a down zoning for the area; and 3) Only the maximum amount of clients will be permitted.

Donna Bryant, applicant for the property added that the name of the facility would be "*Trinity House*." The home will be for children who need alternative housing. The home may serve as an emergency placement and will help children get on the right track. The residents would continue to go to school at *Metro-Midtown* and the *Wichita Area Technical College*. Also, the residents would continue counseling, if needed, from mental health professionals. The outside of the building may be painted, and new storm windows added along with landscaping.

These issues were asked of the applicant: 1) If a fire escape is required will that be provided for the home; and 2) What safety precautions will be available for the children.? The Applicant responded: 1) A fire escape will be put in if required; and 2) There will be Century lighting on parking area and an alarm for notifying 911.

The District Advisory Board Members were supportive of the request based on the findings from *CORE*, *Historic Midtown Citizens Association (HMCA)* and the *Historic Preservation Board (HPB)*.

Sharon Fearey, DAB member abstained from recommendation due to her involvement with *HMCA* and *HPB*. It was stated that if any other zoning cases come to the DAB that involve the Historic Midtown Citizens Association neighborhood, a representative from HMCA should be present to speak on behalf of the residents.

COUNCIL AGENDA

1. Community Service Block Grant Oversight Committee (CSBG)

Sarah Gilbert, Career Development Director asked that DAB members volunteer to be considered for appointment to the Community Services Block Grant Oversight Committee (OC). Eight (8) will be City Council appointments from the DAB's; Four (4) representatives from the DAB's low-income areas will be elected through a "drop in the box" process at the four Neighborhood Centers, with 12 members total.

The OC is responsible for helping with the annual application for CSBG funds. The funds are federal, used to improve conditions for the area low-income residents. The City funds a variety of projects: neighborhood clean-ups; Neighborhood Center expenses; Project Access (prescription drugs); etc. The OC will also meet to review activity reports. Notify of quarterly meetings starting in early June. The appointment/election process will be completed mid-May.

Council Member Cole stated to Ms. Gilbert that the quarterly meetings should be held at night in order to make it convenient for the members. Ms. Gilbert stated the meetings would be held for the convenience of the group.

Council Member Cole asked if anyone was interested in serving on this committee and could get back to her within the week. Staff will contact Ms. Gilbert of the selection and will provide her with pertinent information. Sharon Fearey and Linda Matney said they were both interested and would respond to Council Member Cole before the end of the week.

2. **Presentation on Two Park Plans for District VI**

Larry Hoetmer, Park staff, gave a brief overview of the plans for Schell Park renovation. The history behind the park is: 1) Adult Latino Soccer was played most of the year at the park; 2) Emergency vehicles were not able to get through on the streets surrounding the park due to parking and traffic; 3) There were reports of public urination; and 4) Large amounts of trash, were always in the park following the soccer games.

These issues were brought to the City after the North Riverbend Neighborhood Association was formed two years ago. The City Council recently approved a plan for \$60,000 to start a renovation of Schell Park. The \$60,000 will be used to 1) Consultant fees; 2) grating; 3) full irrigation of a youth size soccer field for children aged 12 and under; 4) picnic tables; 5) grills; 6) bleachers; and 7) trees. In the near future a circular walkway system will be looked at for young mothers with strollers, senior citizens who walk for exercise and anyone just wanting to spend time in the park.

Keith Koontz, North Riverbend Neighborhood Association President stated that the association was in full agreement of the plan and had already witnessed families using the picnic tables. The question was asked if the Association was using Matching Park Grant Funds, the answer was no.

Doratheia Sloan, DAB Member and Sherwood Glen neighborhood association representative described the plans for a park near 37th and Womer. The history of the park plan is that the association started two years ago asking what did the neighborhood need. It was stated that a park near the property of the Law Enforcement Training Center would be a good idea. There was 85% response rate in favor, from the community with support through donations of money and time donated to go towards the Matching Park Grant Funds.

Holding funds raisers and with the support of June Bailey, WIN Member, helping to start the process the plan is now underway. Donations from private companies of concrete, trees and over \$20,000 have been received. Larry Hoetmer, Park staff, stated that the neighborhood association has done a great job in organizing the park plans and has worked hard for this. The one item missing right now is a sidewalk leading to the park. It would cost \$50,000 for a sidewalk to be installed. Doratheia Sloan stated that it is now time to get a formal request about the park to the DAB and then on to City Council.

3. **District Advisory Board Members participation with Neighborhood Associations.**

Do the DAB Members need to assist at Neighborhood Associations meetings was a recent question at the last meeting.

Council Member Cole stated that more than one neighborhood association sponsored some of the DAB Members. There needs to be a connection from DAB Members to the neighborhood associations in the district. A schedule of meeting dates and times of the associations will be provided from the neighborhood assistant and the Members may connect with the presidents of the associations by visiting meetings or calling to find out any issues in their area.

Each DAB Member stated who they would contact: Wendell Turner-North Chisholm Creek and North Riverbend; Linda Matney – Jones Park, Sunflower, La Placita Park, and Indian Hills; Sharon Fearey- North Riverside; Bob Schreck- The Moorings HOA and Sherwood Glen; Dorothea Sloan-Riverview; John Van Walleghen-Benjamin Hills and Indian Hills; Tony Rangel-Riverside and Delano; Clarence Wiley-Historic Midtown; and Bickley Foster-Delano. Before the June DAB meeting, Members are to contact the presidents and give them information about the District Advisory Board and its functions.

4. **Process of 21st Street Development Task Force**

Letters were mailed to 12 Individuals who have attended the previous meetings. DAB Members Sharon Fearey and Veronica Casados will also sit on this committee. The first meeting for this task force will be held on Monday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the site of the Evergreen Mini-City Hall at 2700 N. Woodland, Suite D. A review of the proposed plan will be presented to the participants. Council Member Cole hopes to have a final plan that can be presented to the City Council by August.

5. **Prioritized Issues from March 27th DAB Meeting**

After reviewing the list DAB Member Tony Rangel, stated these were additional items to be looked at: 1) An update from the design consultant on the train situation in District VI; 2) Waste Water Treatment Plant – Does this effect our district? 3)Two-way streets changed from one-way street project will be coming to City Council in September. 4) Delano riverbank improvements – How does this effect the Seneca Corridor leading to Exploration Place?

PROBLEM PROPERTIES

1. Four duplexes across from the Wonder Bread business are abandoned. Which is in the CORE area. This is on North. Emporia Street.
2. 3926 W. 11th Fence around pool is still down. **Linda Matney informed neighborhood assistant on May 2nd that the fence was repaired.**

3. Graffiti in big lettering over the spillway on the Big Ditch
4. Graffiti on the business VIA Phone at Murdock and Broadway on the back of the building.
5. Old mattress on 13th Street west of Market street.

DAB Member Foster stated that in New Zealand the ***CLEAN TEAM*** works at night to clean up graffiti. If graffiti is on a building in the afternoon, by 8:00 a.m. the next morning the graffiti is gone. Mr. Foster also stated this is something maybe the City of Wichita should look at doing.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Council Member Cole stated we need a better understanding of the CIP so we can look at this in the near future; Should a committee be formed?
- b) North West Traffic Study- 1) The DAB Members want to know what happens to the traffic from the West after it intersects with I-235; 2) Where does the plan go further East and define further East; and 3) What will the impact on traffic on the inner city be?
- c) All the HOA and NA's in the district need to be notified on issue (b) and when the meetings will begin.
- d) Wendell Turner, DAB Member feels the subject of paving streets – the Board needs a better understanding of this process.
- e) Firestations- we would like a presentation about the new proposed plan.
- f) DAB Member John Van Walleghen asked about the estimates for the 30-year growth plan on I-235 over Arkansas River to I-35. How many lanes will it have and the degree of traffic increase.
- g) Linda Matney, DAB Member asked for the Board to look at licenses and fees for the new school buildings and repairs to be waived for the recently passed Bond Issue.

ADJOURN

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Dozal
District VI Neighborhood Assistant